--- 1/9th Pound - “Series of 1883” - BLUE - 250 / 255 x 15 mm. ---

Chris Ryan reports [CRS Newsletter, No. 41] that the 1/9th pound denomination was added to the “Series of 1883” in 1889-1892.

John McKay records that 100,000 copies of “1/9, Blue”, *recess printed* by hand press were ‘delivered’ under the **5th BABN Contract** (1892-1897). The must date from post-1892, since this is his first entry for the 250 mm. blue strip, The 1/9th pound is a new denomination for “1883”, since there were no 1/9th pound strips in the *lithographed* “Series of 1880-81”.

John McKay also records that 24,000 copies of “1/9 lb. Blue”, *recess printed* by rotary press, were ‘delivered’ under the **5th BABN Supplement** (1897-1898). These sheets were in stock under the **5th BABN Contract**, when the company lost the printing contract to ABN in 1897. By mutual agreement, they were made available to the Department, while ABN worked ‘up-to-speed’ with the die preparation and the printing of the “Series of 1897”.

It is interesting that McKay lists this final batch as printed by *rotary (steam) press*, since the earlier strips were listed as recess printed by *hand press*. John McKay lists the 1/9th pound black strips as by rotary press, delivered under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892), with 64,000 *hand press* black copies delivered under the **5th BABN Contract** (1892-1897). The 1/9th pound printing plates had been prepared previously.

5th BABN Contract - April 23rd 1892	100,000 recess (hand press) - 250 mm.	**000001** to **100000**
5th BABN Supplement - (1897-1898)	24,000 recess (rotary press) - 255 mm.	**100001** to **124000**

The catalogue should list the recess printed “Series of 1883” blue 1/9th pound strips as follows:

RP-612 - 1/9th pound, *coarse roulette*, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove, 4 mm. red controls - 250 x 15 mm.
RP-612a† - 1/9th pound, *coarse roulette*, printed by rotary press on horizontal mesh wove - 255 x 15 mm. - **WANTED!**

The collection ***does not contain*** a copy of **RP-612a** - the 1/9th pound “Series of 1883” *coarse roulette* 255 x 15 mm strip recess printed by rotary press on horizontal mesh wove paper.

--- 1/9th Pound - “Series of 1883” - BLUE - 5th BABN Contract (1892-1897) ---

--- Recess printed by hand press in Montreal on vertical mesh wove paper - with 4 mm. red controls ---

--- RP-612 - *coarse roulette* - 250 x 15 mm - scanned at 67% scale ---

RP-612 - 1/9th pound, *coarse roulette*, with 4 mm. control **010257**,
Stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters

010203	RP-612 CP	1/9th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove, Stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic - suspect
010257★	RP-612 CP	1/9th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on vertical mesh wove, Stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic - suspect

The collection ***does not contain*** a copy of the blue 1/9th pound “Series of 1883” *coarse roulette* recess printed vertical mesh wove paper, without the **CANCELLED** overprint. **WANTED!**

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